

Patent Attorney's Docket No. 0023-0004

N THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	Non-Fee Amendment	
Ross Suydam HEITKAMP et al.)	Group Art Unit: 2181	
Application No.: 09/751,841)	Examiner: K. Dang	•
Filed: January 2, 2001)		
For: RELIABLE AND REDUNDANT CONTROL SIGNALS IN A)		RECEIVED
MULTI-MASTER SYSTEM)		FEB 2 7 2004

RESUBMISSION OF AMENDMENT

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Sir:

On February 24, 2004, Applicants' attorney faxed the attached Amendment and Amendment/Reply Transmittal Letter to the central fax number (703) 872-9306 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Applicants' attorney did not receive the Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmittal from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office indicating that these documents were received. Therefore, Applicants' attorney is resubmitting the attached Amendment and

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Amendment/Reply Transmittal Letter that were originally filed via facsimile with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 24, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

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	A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.				
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	Applicant(s) previously submitted _, on _, for which continued examination is requested.				
	A request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) is also enclosed.				
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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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AMENDMENT

In response to the non-final Office Action, dated November 25, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.